

The Middletown Transcript.

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Business Cards.

— NEW —
STOVE AND TIN STORE
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Eliason & Benson,
Manufacturers and Dealers in
STOVES,
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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

We have in stock the most popular and best Parlor, Cook and Room Stove manufactured, among them may be found the House Delight, Morning Light, Flower, Teapot, Bon, Fire, Garnet, Bell, Radiator, Caster, Palace Cook, Golden Eagle, Europa, Combination Cook, Wabash Model Complete, Victor Cook, pretty Range, Pet Range, and can furnish short notice any other article required.

We invite special attention to the Regulator "Revolving Top" for convenience. Surpassing in the stove line ever offered in this market.

Stoves reported on the shortest notice.

And, having a specialty.

We hope by giving our personal attention to business, and making moderate charges to receive a share of the public patronage.

Give us a call. ELIASON & BENSON,
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LUMBER AND HARDWARE.

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Opposite the Depot,
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE,

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

Lumber and Hardware,

BRICKS, LIME, MARL, SAND, DOORS, BLINDS

MOULDINGS, PAINTS, OILS,

GLASS, ETC. ETC.

Constantly on hand all kinds of

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January 15—tf

The Middletown Boot, Shoe
and Hat Store.

A CARD.

A thorough knowledge of our special line of business, gained by close study of its details, extended and frequent travels through all the principal manufacturing centers of the country and in almost daily contact with leading manufacturers themselves, enables us to offer to this community a line of Goods that for quality, durability and prices, cannot be surpassed.

Goods sold from our stores in

SMYRNA & MILFORD

have gained a reputation from St. George, in New Castle, to Franklin, in New Jersey.

Our way of doing business and system of repairing our goods, insures our customers against any risk in buying of us.

A little time will convince an enterprising man of the advantages to be gained.

Respectfully yours,

R. M. & W. T. JOHNSON.

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J. MEIER & BRO.,

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S. E. CO., SECOND AND ARCH STS.,

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Have in Stock a full line of

Fine Overcoats, Suits, Cassimeres,

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Of the newest designs for FALL and WIN-

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the latest styles and best manner. Special at-

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At Anderson's Drug Store,

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You can get XX SWISS LINIMENT, a sure
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Side or Joints, Sore throat, &c. Use it and
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IT ACTS LIKE MAGIC.

Taken inwardly it cures Diarrhoea, Dysen-
ter, Colic, Nervous Complaints, &c. &c.
All we ask of you is a fair trial. Sold only
by ANDERSON, who keeps all the Patent
Medicines of the day.

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Gold, Silver and Steel Spectacles to suit
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CLOCKS, Watches, Jewelry, &c. neatly

and promptly repaired.

Always on hand and for sale, Clocks,
Watches, Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons, Sil-
ver, Napkin Rings, Silver Thimbles, Salt,
Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Spoons, Butter, Silver,
Gold, Silver, Egg Rings, Finger-Rings, Silver
Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key
Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.

AGENT FOR

DEVINN'S SPECTACLES

Dec. 12—tf

Middletown Directory.

CORPORATION OFFICERS.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS—E. W. Lockwood,
President; J. R. Hall, Secretary; L. P. Mc-
Dowell; J. H. Walker, L. Vandegrift.

ASSISTANT—C. A. Anderson.

TREASURER—Joseph Hanson.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—Dew C. Walker.

CONSTABLE AND POLICEMAN—Vacant.

LAMPLIGHTER—F. C. Schreit.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

John A. Reynolds.

TRUSTEES OF THE ACADEMY.

John P. Cochran, Pres.; Henry Davis,
Treas.; Samuel Pennington, Secretary; James
Kane; R. Gibbs, R. T. Cochran, N. Williams.

PRINCIPAL OF ACADEMY—T. S. Stevens.

OFFICERS OF CITIZENS' NAT'L BANK.

DIRECTOR—Henry Clayton, R. Gibbs, B.
T. B. Johnson, George Bell, Roger C. Cul-
ver, C. Fenimore, M. E. Walker, J. B.
Casper, Joseph Biggs.

PRESIDENT—Henry Clayton.

VICE-PRESIDENT—John H. Scowdrick.

TELLER—John S. Crouch.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN HALL CO.

J. M. Cox, Pres.; Samuel Pennington, Secy.;
J. R. Hall, Treas.; R. A. C. Anderson; Jay Cul-
ver, H. Scowdrick, Wm. H. Barr.

CHURCHES.

FOREST PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. John Pation,
D. D. Pastor. Divine service every Sunday at
10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday School at
9 a. m. Lecture on Wednesdays at 7:00 p. m.
Sunday School in Chapel at Arm-
strong's. Services at 2:30 p. m.

ST. ANNE'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL—Rev.
Wm. C. Butler, Rector. Services on Sundays at
10:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Sunday School at
2:30 p. m. Services on Fridays at 7:00 p. m.
M. E. CHURCH—Rev. C. M. Atkinson.

D. M. PARISH—Rev. D. M. Par-
ish. Services every Sunday at 10:00 a. m.
and 3:00 p. m. Sunday School at 9:00 a. m.
and 3:00 p. m. Prayer Meeting on
Thursdays at 7:00 p. m.

CREDIT FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CEN- TENNIAL EXHIBITION.

It is quite impossible to speak in this
city and in this year without reference to
the Centennial Celebration to take
place in July next. Originally I have
favored the idea of bringing the people of
all the States together in peace and
amity—good thing to be done at any
time, and in the hasty light of the
events of the last fifteen years, espe-
cially to be desired. What it was
agreed that such a celebration of the
birthday of this union of States and
their government should be held, the
question was made by Senators from
New York and New England, as to the
proper place, and I then said: "Where,
but in the birthplace of a man should
the anniversaries of that birth be kept?"

As we celebrate the birthplace of
Shakespeare elsewhere that at Strat-
ford-upon-Avon as the birth of Ameri-
can Independence out of Philadelphia,"

And here let me say that the energy,
enterprise, skill, liberality and ability
which have been exhibited by Pennsyl-
vania and her great city of Philadel-
phia in this undertaking have silenced
the doubts, rebuked the sneers, and
gained the applause and respect of the
entire country. The commission to
entirely the work has been entrusted
to whom we have an honorable and
permanent fame. There is a French saying: "Aid
thyself and God will aid thee," and
although I do not consider the Congress
of the United States as omnipotent as
the British Parliament, yet I believe it can
lawfully give aid, and I sincerely trust it will. I confess to you I was
more influenced in behalf of this
undertaking by the belief it would
reunite the people of my country in a
sense of common brotherhood and good
feeling, than from anything else. There
were, perhaps, some doubts as to the
possible want of Constitutional power in
Congress to make such an appropriation,
but the weight of reasoning was in
favor, and I gave my country the
benefit of the doubt.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

DAWSON LODGE, No. 12. Meets every Friday
evening at 8 o'clock. Lodge room in the
Town Hall.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

PEACE ROOM GRANGE, No. 3. Meets every
Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Grange Room
in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

I. O. O. F.

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 9. Meets every
Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Lodge Room
in Cochran Hall, No. 2, Cochran Square.

BUILDING AND LOAN.

MIDDLETON B. & L. ASSOCIATION—Samuel
Pennington, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Secretary. Meets
on the first Thursday of every month at 8 o'clock, p. m.

MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLETON—
Jas. H. Scowdrick, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Secy.

RECESSION. Meets the third Tuesday of every
month at 8 o'clock, p. m.

MIDDLETON LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM.

E. W. Lockwood, Pres.; J. T. Budd, Secy.;
Rooms in Transamer Building. Reading-
Room open every day until 10 o'clock, p. m.
Library open on Wednesdays and Saturdays
from 3 o'clock to 5 p. m.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

PENNS. AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL AS-
OCIATION—Wm. R. Cochran, President; J.
B. Clarkson, Secretary; — Chairman of Board of Managers. Annual Meeting third
Saturday in January.

DIAMOND STATE BRASS BAND.

Meets for practice every Monday evening at
8 o'clock.

POST OFFICE.

Office Hours—Opens at 6:30 a. m. and
closes at 9 p. m. every day except Sunday.

Mails for the North close at 7:00 a. m. and 2:45 p. m.

Mails for the South close at 10:15 a. m. and
4:30 p. m.

Mails for Odessa close at 10:23 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mails for Warwick, Sassafras and Cecilton
close at 10:23 a. m.

DELAWARE RAILROAD.

Passenger trains going North leave at 7:45 a. m.
and 3:30 p. m. going South at 10:33 a. m. and
7:55 p. m. Freight trains with passenger car attached, going North, leave at 5:30 p. m.;
going South, at 6:30 a. m.

STAGE LINES.

Stage for Odessa, with U. S. Mail, leaves
shortly after arrival of the 10:43 a. m. and 7:55 p. m. mail train.

Stages for Warwick, Sassafras and Cecilton
leave shortly after arrival of the 10:43 a. m.

FURNITURE.

UNDERTAKING.

UPHOLSTERING.

The undersigned respectfully announces
to the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that
he has on hand a large and well selected
stock of handsome and durable

Walnut and Other Furniture.

which he will sell very cheap for cash.

Buying at wholesale cash rates he feels assured

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EDWARD REYNOLDS, Editor.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 29, 1876.

At the special request of a number of Senator Bayard's personal and political friends, we publish, though late, the full text of his address made at the banquet given by the Democratic club of Philadelphia at the Girard House on the 8th inst. It is an admirable address and commends itself to the attention of all our readers.

The *World* notes with evident satisfaction that Grant has not withdrawn from the third term track as was reported. It says: "Grant's friends are at work showing that his nomination is a necessity to the party, for the reason that he is, as they claim, the only man who can keep the negro vote of the South from leaving the party."

The *New York Sun* hits the nail on the head in the following: "The question of questions before this Congress is retrenchment and reform. It comes home to every man's fireside, and applies with equal force to the great operations of government. All the elections for two years past have greatly turned upon that issue and the Democrats are largely indebted for their present majority to its advocacy. The committee on appropriations will do well to make haste slowly, and to guard every point as they go on. The country is with them."

SAMUEL TOWNSEND, in a letter to the *Wilmington Herald* on Monday, asserts that *The Transcript* published a long communication "instead of a report of the proceedings of the recent meeting" of the Penitentiary, Agricultural and Pomological Association. We published the communication, it is true, but a reference to the local columns of the issue of that week, will show the latter part of the assertion to be incorrect. We did publish "an account of the proceedings," and as correct and fair a one as we could get.

RETRACEMENT.—The Democratic members of Congress seem to be determined to make retrenchment in the expenses of the government "all along the line." Wherever an opportunity is presented they take advantage of it, and somebody's office is made a little less valuable. Their latest attempt in that direction is a resolution adopted by the House Committee on Appropriations to reduce the President's salary to its old status—\$25,000. Unfortunately, should a bill to that effect be passed by both Houses, and become a law—that is if Grant did not veto it—it could not operate upon the present incumbent of the White House on account of a Constitutional provision.

U. S. SENATORS ELECTED.—Hon. James B. Beck, for several terms a leading democrat in the House of Representatives, has been elected to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Kentucky. Mr. Beck is an able debater, and one of the best informed on the finances of the Government in the country. Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, probably the ablest man from the Southern States now in Congress, has been elected Senator from Mississippi, to succeed Alcorn, whose term expires in 1877. Messrs. Beck and Lamar will be able to cope with any republicans in or out of Congress, and will do good service in the cause of democracy on the floor of the Senate.

THE WORLD ALMANAC.—A copy of this work for the current year is received, for which the publisher has our thanks. It abounds in valuable information, in addition to the usual contents, such as a chronological record of all the important events of the world in 1875; list of notable deceased persons; statistics of States and territories; popular vote for president, '60, '64, '68, '72; organization of the army and navy with names of vessels and pay of officers; list of members of the present congress; with much other valuable information which ought to be in every library. Single copies 25 cents, five copies for \$1. Address *The World*, 35 Park Row, N. Y.

On Tuesday the Centennial Appropriation bill passed the Washington House of Representatives by a vote of 140 for, to 130 against it. While the Democratic House have thus engaged to extend aid to the great Philadelphia celebration one of the chosen leaders and most trusted of the Republican chiefs has been for days boring the senate and disgusting the nation with a tiresome and profane tirade of abuse and false representation of the Southern States and people, his only object, evidently, being to keep alive, if possible, sectional animosity and partisan hate. If the North had exhibition in the days of 1776 the kind of spirit that two of her worthy representatives, Blaine and Morton, have manifested in 1876, American Independence and nationality would doubtless still be a thing of the past.

A TIMELY HINT.—Under this caption several of our county papers have been commenting upon a recent letter from Samuel Townsend about the arrest and imprisonment of petty thieves and filling up the jail with them. The case of a "poor colored man" is cited who stole a bucket of coal, was arrest-

ed and sent over to New Castle to stay till court meets at a cost of \$70. There once existed a law under which such petty offences as this were punishable before justices of the peace. Then this "poor colored man" would have been taken to the nearest squire's office, tried for his offence, given a "good reprimand" in the way of a sound thrashing and been bid "go and steal no more." Suppose the Governor calls the legislature together and they enact that old, or a similar, law.

Then the jail will not be filled up with petty offenders, and those editorial gentlemen will have a "fruitful subject" to write leaders on and deal their democratic opponents "powerful blows" about barbarism, cruelty, &c., just previous to elections.

Proceedings of Congress.

SENATE—Monday.—Mr. Davis' resolution for an investigation of the accounts of the Treasury Department was called up and referred to the Committee on Finance where it will doubtless stay.

Senator Morton, of Indiana, wished but was unable to continue his tirade on Mississippi and Southern outrages.

House.—Under the usual Monday morning call for bills a large number were presented and referred to the proper committees, among others one by Mr. Morrison, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, intended to pave the way for the resumption of specie payments, which it postpones till Jan. 1, 1879; also one by Mr. Whitehouse, to fund the U. S. legal-tender notes into 40 year four cent gold bonds at a rate of not over \$8,000,000 per month.

SENATE—Tuesday.—A memorial was presented from the Woman's Suffrage Association praying for woman suffrage in the District of Columbia. The bill for the appointment of a commission to investigate the liquor trade was passed.

A bill for the protection of settlers on public lands was introduced and advocated by Western Senators.

House.—An adverse report from the banking committee was presented, and adopted on sundry bills, repealing the 10 per cent. tax on State banks. At the expiration of the "morning hour" the centennial appropriation bill was taken up. Mr. Lamar spoke in its favor. The bill passed by a vote of 146 ayes to 130 nays—Mr. Williams of Del. was voting against it.

Maryland Legislature.

SENATE—Monday.—Numerous petitions, signed by clerks, mechanics, laboring men and women, were presented asking the repeal of the attachment law of 1874. The committee on education was directed to report as to the expediency of levying, as a State tax, the entire amount necessary for the support of public schools, so as to make them a State institution. A bill was passed to allow Crisfield to extend her limits. A pretty sharp debate took place between senators Bannon and Dennis on the Southern Maryland R. R., subsidy question.

House.—Mr. Stewart, of Baltimore, disengaged any desire to restrict the liberty of the press had been charged upon him by the *Baltimore American*. A bill was passed exempting Harford and Frederick counties from the operation of the crow bounty law.

SENATE—Tuesday.—Petitions for and against the repeal of the attachment law were presented. Leave to introduce several new bills was granted, among them one to amend the liquor law to make it more stringent. The resolutions calling for an investigation of the State's subscription to the Southern Maryland railroad was adopted.

House.—Leave was granted for the introduction of a bill making it a penal offense to pay the State treasurer interest upon deposit of State money in banks. The ways and means committee reported in favor of allowing actual expenses to legislative travelling committees, and the report was adopted.

SENATE—Wednesday.—Leave was asked and granted for the introduction of a bill to amend the school law so as to provide for the election of school commissioners by the people. A favorable report was made on the memorial of Judge Bowie of the sixth judicial district of Maryland to extend his term of office six years.

House.—A bill was favorably reported and read a second time to abolish the police of Baltimore city. Several bills of local importance, only, were passed, among them the bill to regulate the pay of the State's attorney of Cecil county by an addition of \$15 to the regular appearance fees.

SENATE—Thursday.—The bill ordering the assessment of property not heretofore assessed was taken up. Mr. Dennis, of Somerset, argued against the general policy of the bill and the hardships it would entail in many cases.

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House.—Mr. Compton's letter of acceptance of the State Treasuryship was ordered to be placed upon the journal.

Leave was granted to introduce a bill to make an appropriation to remove and reinter the remains of Maryland soldiers of the Confederate army. A bill was favorably reported to regulate the erection of public roads on streams crossed by public roads. A number of bills of local importance were passed.

BARNUM'S CENTENNIAL SHOW.—P. T. Barnum, the showman, is at present busily engaged in perfecting arrangements for a centennial show during the coming summer, which is to eclipse all his former efforts. He will have employed 1100 men and women and 500 horses and ponies, and it will require 120 railroad cars for transportation purposes. He proposes to visit all the prominent cities and towns in the United States, going as far East as Bangor, and as far West as Kansas City.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN PHILADELPHIA.—Geo. Freeman, clerk of the Orphan House, Philadelphia, was charged by a U. S. commissioner in that city Tuesday, charged with having violated the civil rights act refusing to furnish the Rev. Fields Cook, colored, with a room. Freeman was held to bail in the sum of \$1,000.

THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.—A committee of twelve has been appointed in Cincinnati to go to Washington next month and urge upon the national democratic committee the desirability of holding the national convention in Cincinnati. Senator-elect Rock, of Kentucky, has written a letter to some of the leading citizens of Louisville urging them to take immediate steps with the view of having that city selected as the place of meeting of the convention, whilst the St. Louis papers express the confident opinion that that city will be selected.

WINTER IN EUROPE.—While we are having a snowless winter, the south of Europe has had an experience of the other extreme. On the 10th instant there was snow a foot deep in Madrid, a circumstance almost unprecedented, and it was still snowing. At the same date the town of Mende, in the department of Lozanne, France, was completely surrounded by it, and all access had been cut off for three days.

ATTORNEYS FOR THE PUBLIC.—

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6 " 400 6 00 12 00 18 00 30 00 50 00
7 " 450 5 00 12 00 20 00 35 00 60 00 100 00

Business Locals and Special Notices 10 cents a line for each insertion. Obituaries charged for at the rate of 5 cents per line of eight words. Marriages and deaths inserted free. **Times:** Cash in advance, invariably.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 29, 1876.

Local and State Affairs.

Items of Local Interest. L. P. McDowell, Esq., started for the west on Wednesday morning, to make his annual purchase of mules for this market.

Abel J. Porter, who was badly hurt by the upsetting of his carriage on the 15th inst., is reported to be recovering.

John B. Grubb, proprietor of "Grubb's Hotel," Wilmington, died on Thursday morning. He had been sick several weeks.

Three sacrificial thives broke open the "poor box" of St. Paul's church, Wilmington, on Monday evening and stole the contents.

French's "New Sensation" did with even poorer success in Smyrna than it did in Middletown. Its failure there was attributed to the rentals.

The attention of persons wanting stock is invited to the sale of Messrs. Reynolds & Co., on the Levels, near this town, on Tuesday next.

A Teachers' Institute for Sussex county will be held at Georgetown during the first week in February. Superintendent Groves will preside.

J. Greenwood, of Mill Creek hundred, recently cut down an ash tree that measured six feet in diameter at the butt. It made six cords of wood.

A great revival in the M. E. Church, at Dover, is continued with scarcely any abatement of interest. Over one hundred persons have been converted.

A farm of Gideon E. Rothwell's, 251 acres, near Casper's Mill, near Smyrna, has been sold, by J. T. Mancha, real estate agent, to William E. Riggs, for \$5,000.

Since the commencement of the Moody and Sankey meetings in Philadelphia, Robelen & Bro., of Wilmington, have sold more than 4,000 copies of their "Gospel Hymns."

S. F. Shalcross, Esq., has contracted with J. E. Worden, of Smyrna, for lumber with which to build his barns, destroyed by fire on the 15th instant.

A dangerous, because well executed, \$30 counterfeit note on the First National Bank of Portland, Maine, is said to be in circulation on the Peninsula. Look out for it.

The sacred songs and hymns sung at the great revival meetings of Messrs. Moody and Sankey have been adopted by the Presbyterians, of this town, for use at prayer-meetings, lectures and concerts.

Thomas W. Pennington was arrested in Wilmington on Wednesday on a charge of passing counterfeit money. In default of bail he was sent over to New Castle to wait till court meets.

The Board of Managers of the Peninsular Agricultural & Pomicological Association have decided upon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 3d, 4th and 5th (1876) as the time for holding the next annual fair.

Two little boys were sent by express on Tuesday from Wilmington to Fernandina, Florida, to their father who was dying. Owing to delays they did not arrive until Saturday and found their father had died on Wednesday.

Mr. Preston Hardcastle, formerly of this town, now a resident of London, Ohio, was presented, a short time since, with a handsome monstrosity cup, by some of his newly made friends, in admiration of the handsome adorning of his lip.

At a meeting of the Committee on Education appointed by the State Centennial Commission, held in Wilmington last Saturday, it was resolved to decline to make an exhibit at the Centennial of Delaware's educational progress and facilities. A wise move.

Distressing Accident.

An unfortunate shooting accident happened in Chesterstown, Md., on Tuesday afternoon. A little boy, son of Mrs. Crisfield, and nephew of J. A. Pearce, Esq., while playing with another boy, Richie Hynson, was accidentally shot through the lungs by the latter, and, it is feared, fatally injured. The relatives and friends of the two boys are greatly distressed over the unfortunate calamity, and the greatest sympathy is felt for the afflicted mother of the little victim. [The child has since died.]

Cake Presentation.

S. M. Reynolds was the recipient, on Tuesday, of a handsome confection cake; presented to him by the ladies connected with Wheatland Grange No. 147, P. of H. of Smyrna, Md., as a token of the generous feelings entertained by their grande for him. The cake was made by Miss Maggie Johns, to whom the task was delegated by the ladies of the grange, and right nobly did she do her duty as the excellent taste and flavor of the cake most amply testified. The fact that Mr. R., is a merchant—a middle man—greatly enhanced the value of the present as indicative of the confidence and good feeling that exists between him and the grangers.

Fire in Chesterstown, Md.

A fire occurred in Chesterstown, Md., on Tuesday morning, which, but for the energetic labors of the citizens, might have proved a disastrous conflagration. It broke out about three o'clock in the morning, in an old frame building adjoining the store of Mr. Nicholas Westcott, on Main street. The old building was being very dry burned like tinder, making a fearful looking blaze and lighting up the whole town. So rapidly did it burn that its occupants, two of whom were women ill with typhoid fever, had barely time to escape with their lives, leaving their effects to the mercy of the flames. The people rushed to the scene and by dint of hard labor succeeded in getting the fire under control and confining it to the one building, though it was only with the greatest difficulty that they saved the store of Mr. Westcott, which was on fire. Nearly all the wells in the vicinity of the fire soon gave out, and water had to be carried from the river. So hopeless was the prospect, at one time, of controlling the fire, that neighboring houses were cleared of their furniture and the work of tearing them down commenced in order to stay the flames. We have been unable to ascertain the name of the owner of the burned building for the amount of loss sustained.

Middletown and Vicinity Items.

BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER.

N. B. Appleton, formerly of Odessa, has come out in a card seeking the nomination of the Republican party for Sheriff.

Mr. Frank J. Denny has retired from the Transcript office for the purpose of taking a position on the Balf. & Potomac R. R. He has the wishes of all who know him for future success.

A Centennial Tea Party was held at Mays, Md., on last Thursday evening, for the benefit of St. Clement's Episcopal Church in that village. With very unfavorable weather the attendance could not have been large.

Hampton, the village of colored people on the suburbs, is enlarging her limits and three new houses are now being erected. In a few years this will be quite a large town if the improvements continue in the same proportion as in the past five years. This recalls to me the error now made in calling it Hampton. It was proposed by H. Vanderford in 1869, in the columns of this paper, that the name of "Hampton" be applied to it, inasmuch as its inhabitants were the descendants of Ham. Therefore, the proper name is not Hampton, but Hampton.

The extra services in the M. E. Church under the direction of Rev. Dr. Matlack, have been quite interesting and successful, fourteen persons having been converted within the first five days and many more gone forward for prayer. Dr. Matlack and his church members are very hopeful that future results may be good, because some almost hopeless sinners, for example, have already been brought to a state of conviction and conversion, and are among the number above stated. The meetings are conducted, as usual, in almost perfect quietude at the altar, and are so solemn and earnest that no one can object to them, but rather give great credit to those having them in charge. An inquiry room is open each evening from 6 to 7 o'clock, and on Saturday evenings three conversions were there witnessed, and on Sunday morning those three were admitted to the church on probation, a result that proved gratifying to the whole church.

Preaching at Armstrongs.

Rev. G. W. Kennedy will preach at the Chapel at Armstrongs on to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Subjects—David and Jonathan. All are cordially invited.

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Petitions are in circulation in Harford, Cecil and Kent counties, to be presented to the Legislature, asking that stringent laws be passed to prevent non-residents from fishing in their waters. It is claimed many of their most valuable fishing shores have been injured by small crafts hailing from Philadelphia and the towns along the Jersey shore, and it is rumored that in view of the Centennial exhibition in Philadelphia hundreds more are fitting out.

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